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SUBJECT: LABOR REACTION TO GOC DISCUSSION PAPER ON
DECONTROLS

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1. ALTHOUGH CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS (CLC) HAS NOT YET
TAKEN FORMAL POSITION ON GOC'S DISCUSSION PAPER ON
DECONTROLS INITIAL REACTIONS WERE,NOT SURPRISINGLY,NEGATIVE.
CLC DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATION AND RESEARCH RONALD LANG TOLD
LABATT THAT PROPOSED MULTIPARTITE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF
30 TO 50 MEMBERS IS TOO UNWIELDY WITH TOO BROAD A
REPRESENTATION FROM GROUPS OTHER THAN BUSINESS, LABOR AND
GOVERNMENT AND IT LACKS DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY. LABOR
IS ALSO OPPOSED TO MONITORING AGENCY ALTHOUGH ITS LACK OF
ENFORCEMENT POWERS MAY MAKE IT TOLERABLE. IF AGENCY
CONCEPT EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED, CLC WILL INSIST THAT IT HAVE
NO AUTHORITY TO LEVY REQUESTS FOR WAGE AND PRICE DATA AND
THAT CLC WILL NOMINATE AND HAVE RIGHT TO RECALL LABOR
MEMBERS ON AGENCY'S EXECUTIVE BODY. REFERENCES IN
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DISCUSSION PAPER THAT PRICE INCREASES WILL PROBABLY RISE
AT FASTER PACE THIS YEAR THAN WAGES LEADS CLC TO
CONCLUSION THAT MONITORING AGENCY INTENDED PRIMARILY TO
CURB WAGE INCREASES BUT NOT PRICES AND PROFITS.

2. GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS AND LABOR SUBCOMMITTEES ON
DECONTROL AND POST-CONTROL (SEE OTTAWA 3006) WILL MEET

SHORTLY TO DISCUSS THE GOC PAPER IN PREPARATION FOR ANOTHER
MEETING ABOUT MID-JUNE OF CABINET MEMBERS WITH TOP
LEADERS OF CLC AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY. AT THIS JUNCTURE
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SOME HARD BARGAINING LIES AHEAD
BEFORE AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED THAT WOULD PERMIT GOC TO
ANNOUNCE DATE FOR ENDING CONTROLS WHICH FINMIN MACDONALD
HOPED TO DO BY END OF JULY. ENDERS

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